

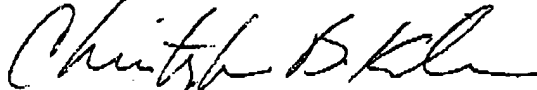
REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 22-23 are pending in the application. Claim 9 have been amended to correct mistakenly removed text from a prior amendment. Claim 19 is withdrawn from consideration. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

For the reasons cited in the prior response filed June 12, 2003, Applicants submit that the claims of elected Group I, claims 1-18 and 22-23, are in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application. If there remain any issues that may be disposed of via a telephonic interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the local exchange given below.

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